

**REMARKS**

The application has been amended herein to cancel claims 1-20 and introduce new claims 21-53 in the application. Publication of the application with the amendments herein is respectfully requested.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 18-0988. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

RENNER, OTTO, BOISSELLE & SKLAR, LLP

/Mark D. Saralino/

Mark D. Saralino, Reg. No. 34,243

DATE: August 8, 2006

The Keith Building  
1621 Euclid Avenue  
Nineteenth Floor  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
(216) 621-1113

Z:\SEC182\MD\SI\OKUD\IP106US\PRELIMINARYAMENDMENT.DOC